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SUBJECT: WILSON SPEECH ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY
ARRANGEMENTS

1. IN A SOEECH DELIVERED IN LEEDS ON FEBRUARY 9 TO
THE LOCAL BRANCH OF LABOUR FRIENDS OF ISRAEL, PRIME
MINISTER WILSON SAID THAT THE UK WILL OROOOSE INTER-
NATIONAL ASSURANCES FOR THE STABILIZATION OF
COMMODITY PRICES AT THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OF
PRIME MINISTERS IN APRIL.

2. ACCORDINQ TO PRESS REPORTS, WILSON SAID THAT
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PRODUCERS OF VARIOUS COMMODITIES -- INCLUDING BOTH

FOOD AND RAW MATERIALS -- HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING "THE SAME ANXIETIES AND EVEN RESENTMENTS WHICH WE HAVE HEARD FROM OIL PRODUCERS." HE ADDED: "WHAT WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE -- AND WHAT IS AGAINST BOTH LONG-TERM WORLD INTERESTS AND THOSE OF PRODUCING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES -- IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARTEL-LIKE ARRANGEMENTS TO RESTRICT PRODUCTION BELOW WORLD NEEDS, AND/OR TO IMPOSE SPECIFIC PRICE SURCHARGES, COMMODITY BY COMMODITY."

3. WILSON SAID THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED THE UK'S VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ASSUME THAT WILSON WAS REFERRING TO DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN ACCOUNT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS.

4. WE ARE OBTAINING THE TEXT OF WILSON'S LEEDS SPEECH AND WILL FORWARD IT BY AIRGRAM.

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